

**Sec. 5. FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE; REVERSE REFERENDUM.**

The county board may provide for the appointment of the county recorder as permitted in this act without an affirmative vote of the voters of the county if the resolution to make the office appointed is approved by 80 percent of the members of the county board. Before the adoption of the resolution, the county board must publish a resolution notifying the public of its intent to consider adopting the option once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official publication of the county. Following the publication, the county board shall provide an opportunity at its next regular meeting for public comment relating to the option, prior to formally adopting the option. The option may be implemented without the submission of the question of its implementation to the voters of the county, unless within 30 days after the second publication of the resolution, a petition requesting a referendum, signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters of the county, is filed with the county auditor. If a petition is filed, the option may be implemented unless disapproved by a majority of the voters of the county voting on the question at a regular or special election.

**Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE; LOCAL APPROVAL.**

Sections 2 to 5 are effective the day after the governing body of Rock county and its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

Presented to the governor May 12, 2003

Signed by the governor May 14, 2003, 4:00 p.m.

**CHAPTER 44—H.F.No. 335**

*An act relating to water; requiring new landscape irrigation systems to have furnished and installed moisture or rainfall sensing equipment; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

**Section 1. [103G.298] LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS.**

All automatically operated landscape irrigation systems shall have furnished and installed technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the landscape irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture. The technology must be adjustable either by the end user or the professional practitioner of landscape irrigation services.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2003, for all landscape irrigation systems installed after that date.

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**New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.**